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I am responding to your request for information received 1 December 2021. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Request:

This is a Freedom of Information Request related to Electronic Healthcare Records in your Trust.

**Questions follow below:
Regarding Electronic Health Records (EHR):**

Question 1a: What primary EHR system does your Trust use, if any?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1a your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:
(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/uploads/files/1/FOI/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA3596.pdf>

Question 1b: Are electronic inpatient notes implemented in all sites within your Trust? If no, please state which sites do not have electronic notes.

Answer: Yes.

Question 1c: Is electronic recording of patient vital signs (i.e. including but not limited to blood pressure, oxygen saturations, etc) implemented in all sites within your Trust? If no, please state which sites do not have electronic observation recording.

Answer: Yes, all clinical sites record vital signs where necessary.

Question 1d: Are electronic drug charts and prescribing implemented in all sites within your Trust? If no, please state which sites do not have electronic prescribing.

Answer: No, our community sites do not prescribe.

Regarding EHR commissioning.

Question 2a: Have you received any direction from a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) or Integrated Care System (ICS) regarding provision of past, present or future EHR systems?

Answer: No.

Question 2b: Have you ever undertaken any formal negotiations with other hospital Trusts about jointly procuring an EHR system, and if so, please state with whom and whether negotiations resulted in joint procurement of an EHR system? Regarding EHR interoperability.

Answer: No.

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Question 3a: Assuming your Trust contains multiple hospital sites, are your EHR users able to directly access inpatient electronic notes from different hospital sites within your Trust?

Answer: Yes.

Question 3b: Aside from NHS spine summary care records (SCR), are your EHR users able to directly access patient records held by local primary care EHRs (e.g. by using an EHR web portal, or healthcare information exchange etc)? If yes, please specify the name of the system that enables this.

Answer: Yes, Cerner HIE.

Question 3c: Aside from NHS spine summary care records (SCR), are your EHR users able to directly access patient records held on a separate hospital Trust's EHR? If yes, please specify which Trust's EHR where this interoperability is enabled.

Answer: Yes, all acute Trusts connected and sharing with the ONELondon programme.